

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 4:30 pm in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chair Bernie Erickson, Vice Chair Ed Kozlowski, Duane Pierce, Joe Aulik, Joan Brusky, Jim Haskins, Louise Dahlke

EXCUSED: Kerry Metoxen, Ken Corry, Jerry Polus

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson at 4:30 pm.

2. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Jim Haskins to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Approve/Modify Minutes of October 15, 2019.

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Ed Koslowski to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Invocation.

Jim Haskins gave the invocation at this time.

5. Update re: Honor Rewards Program.

CVSO Joe Aulik informed Register of Deeds Cheryl Berken contacted each of the participating business to see if they were still on board.

6. Discussion re: Veterans Day.

Haskins had a copy of the article that was in the *Press Gazette*. It was a good article and appeared online as well as in the printed paper. Koslowski thanked the group for all of their work on gathering the offers and Brusky thanked Koslowski for all of his work. Haskins noted he was at the VFW event and said some people wanted to have a printed copy of the area events and offers because they do not get the newspaper. Koslowski said most people have a phone and can access the information electronically. Aulik informed that if the article is received in time it can also be posted on their webpage and sent out to all of the veteran contacts in his database. Erickson added that the printout can be blown up and posted on poster board at the VFW and then people can take a picture of it on their phone for reference.

Haskins talked about the events and offers he took place in on Veterans Day. He also mentioned that the manager at Texas Roadhouse has expressed a number of times that he can do things to help out veterans.

Brusky feels the efforts of this subcommittee are very much appreciated by the veterans and she asked Koslowski how much work it is to get this all put together. Koslowski said he does everything electronically and also monitors other social media pages and adds offers and events as he sees them and he also researches the national websites of different companies to look for their offers. Brusky thanked Koslowski for all of his efforts.

Aulik informed the event at the Museum was well attended and it was nice that it was located there because the Vietnam Vets had their event at the same time at their memorial nearby.

7. Report from CVSO Joe Aulik.

Aulik reported that the recent Flight of Champions went off very smoothly with no issues. There was a good crowd on hand to welcome the flight back home and Pierce felt the crowd was larger this time than the last time. Erickson informed the event was so successful that a representative of the Packers has been invited to speak at the March NFL meeting to try to get more NFL teams involved in programs like that.

Aulik continued that his office continues to focus on marketing benefits and outreach. He noted that last month they were at \$1.4 million dollars in retro pay and now they are at \$1.7 million dollars. He feels this amount will likely rise to \$2 million dollars by the end of the year. The largest claim they had this year for retro pay was \$350,000. Aulik explained when someone goes in to the service, they are sound and whole and when they come out, they have to be returned to society the same way. If something happens during your time in the service that prevents you from being returned to society sound and whole, you are compensated for that. He also explained retro payments, retirement payments and other benefits. They handle unique benefits tied to unique individuals who have unique experiences and unique toxic exposures.

8. Report from Committee Members Present (Erickson, Brusky, Corry, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Metoxen, Pierce, Polus).

-Erickson informed there will not likely be much going on in December and suggested this subcommittee not meet again until January. This was agreeable to all so the next meeting will be held on January 21, 2020.

Erickson also read a message he received from Kerry Metoxen inviting everyone to his office on November 26 starting at 11:30 am for a wild game feast.

-Brusky informed her husband was on the Flight of Champions and it exceeded his expectations. He has been talking about it a lot and sharing pictures and was very pleased with the whole event and she thanked those that made it possible.

-Haskins informed he went to Veterans Appreciation Night at the Gamblers and said this year all the veterans sat together instead of being scattered all over. The attendance seemed to be down a bit but he enjoyed himself.

-Koslowski talked about the Flight of Champions and said Joe Aulik, Snake, Jerry Polus and his wife and Joan Brusky were all there to volunteer and Ken Corry was a guardian on the flight.

-Pierce informed a meat raffle will be held on December 7 at 2:00 pm at the Avenue Bar on Velp Avenue. On December 14 Rolling Thunder will be involved in Wreaths Across America. They will be placing wreaths

starting at Immaculate Conception Church on County E in Oneida at 11:00 am. They will then be going to the Freedom Moravian Cemetery.

9. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.

Erickson wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving and a very nice Christmas as well as a Happy New Year.

10. Adjourn.

Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Joan Brusky to adjourn at 5:03 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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